

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 1. (currently amended) A system for describing and extracting application information, comprising:

(A) a first computer system, said first computer system further comprising:

- (1) an input device;
- (2) a display device; and
- (3) a processing unit, said processing unit further comprising:
  - (a) a processor;
  - (b) memory; and
  - (c) a long-term storage device;

(B) a second computer system, said second computer system further comprising:

- (1) an input device;
- (2) a display device; and
- (3) a processing unit, said processing unit further comprising:
  - (a) a processor;

- (b) memory; and
- (c) a long-term storage device;
- (C) an application program resident on said long term storage device of said processing unit of said first computer system; and
- (D) a means for migrating said application program from said first computer to said second computer, wherein said means for migrating further comprises:
- (1) an application interface file, in an INI format, wherein said application interface file further comprises a tag that identifies a feature of said application program; and
- (2) a communication channel between said first computer system and said second computer system;
- (3) a console module in communication with said application interface file; and
- (4) a self-extracting auto-migration package built by said console module.

Claim 2. (cancelled) ~~A method for describing and extracting application information, comprising:~~

- ~~(A) — deploying a target computer;~~
- ~~(B) — defining a set of defaults;~~
- ~~(C) — running scan and build on a source computer;~~

- ~~(D) — editing a STAMP file if necessary;~~
- ~~(E) — setting options if necessary;~~
- ~~(F) — running STAMP on said target computer;~~
- ~~(G) — viewing STAMP contents and excluding any files or settings from said target computer if necessary; and~~
- ~~(H) — installing files and settings on said target computer.~~

Claim 3. (currently amended) A method for extracting and migrating application information, comprising:

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- (A) loading a Personality Package, said Personality Package further comprising settings, preferences, application programs and data files;
  - (B) executing said Personality Package;
  - (C) getting a file;
  - (D) copying said file, and determining whether migration of additional files is required and if additional files are required returning to said getting a file step;
  - (E) getting a registry;
  - (F) copying said registry;
  - (G) getting application version specifics, and testing to determine if destination application versions match and generating an error if said destination application versions do not match; and
  - (H) updating links.

Claim 4. (new): A system for describing and extracting application information,  
as recited in claim 1, wherein said console module further comprises:

an executable program that scans for environment settings and files to be  
migrated and builds said self-extracting auto-migration packages.

Claim 5. (new): A system for describing and extracting application information, as  
recited in claim 1, wherein said console module further comprises:

an edit function.

Claim 6. (new): A system for describing and extracting application information, as  
recited in claim 1, wherein said console module further comprises:

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a filter for determining which settings and file types are to be included in a said  
self-extracting auto-migration package.

Claim 7. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as  
recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package is a self-  
executing file.


Claim 8. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as  
recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further  
comprises files to be migrated to a target computer.

Claim 9. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as  
recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further  
comprises settings to be migrated to a target computer.

Claim 10. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package is editable by a user.

Claim 11. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package is password protected.

Claim 12. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes data compression.

 Claim 13. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes an operating system conversion capability.

Claim 14. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes disk space verification.

Claim 15. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises a text description capability.

Claim 16. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises options for handling duplicate files.

Claim 17. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes the capability of performing unattended installation of files.


Claim 18. (new) A system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises user-defined profiles.

Claim 19. (new) A method for creating an Application Information File, comprising:

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- (A) determining a description of an Application;
  - (B) opening a new Application Information File;
  - (C) creating an application section in said new Application Information File;
  - (D) defining an EXE value name;
  - (E) creating an application version section in said new Application Information File;
  - (F) defining a description value name;
  - (G) testing to determine if registry keys or values are present;
  - (H) if no registry keys or values are present, testing if any files are present;
  - (I) if no files are present, testing to determine if any file types are present;
  - (J) if no file types are present, testing to determine if any version sub-items are present; and
  - (K) if version sub-items are present, creating an Application Version Section in said new Application Information File.

Claim 20. (new) A method for gathering installed applications using Application

Information Files, comprising:

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- (A) search for an Application Information File in a directory;
  - (B) if no Application Information File is found in said directory, displaying applications;
  - (C) if one or more Application Information File is found in said directory, an Application Information File is opened;
  - (D) getting an application executable;
  - (E) validating said application executable;
  - (F) determining if Application Information File data is available for said application version;
  - (G) if said Application Information File data is available, getting and storing a description;
  - (H) getting application files and storing said application files; and
  - (I) testing for application sub-items.
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